Mountain Weather Forecast

Southwest Highlands

Including Ben Nevis, Glen Coe and the rest of Lochaber, Argyll including the Isles, Loch Lomond, Trossachs and Arran
Forecast valid from 06:00 on Friday 18 Aug 2023 until 23:59 on Saturday 19 Aug 2023

Forecast Issued on Friday 18 Aug 2023 at 02:57 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: Low for extent of any showers on Friday. High for changeable weather to continue into next week but low for extent of low cloud and showers or longer spells of rain

Headline for Friday 18 Aug 2023: Mostly dry and cloudy. Windy at height.

Mountain weather hazards on Friday 18 Aug 2023

Blizzards
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent snow
No Likelihood

Storm force winds
No Likelihood

Gales
Low Likelihood

Severe chill effect
No Likelihood

Poor visibility
Medium Likelihood

Thunderstorms
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
No Likelihood

Strong sunlight
Low Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m					
Time					
06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Sunny intervals	Sunny intervals	Cloudy	Cloudy	Cloudy	Cloudy
Precipitation probability					
10%	10%	30%	20%	10%	20%

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Weather: Outbreaks of rain possilbe across Kintyre and Arran in the morning and early afternoon. Otherwise ranges in the north will be largely dry with just the odd passing shower. Low cloud expected to affect the Trossachs and eastern Argyll but some brightness breaking through elsewhere across the northwest.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 70%

Low Cloud and visibility: Poor in areas of low cloud down to 700 to 900 metres for much of the day across the Trossachs and eastern Argyll, otherwise good visibility with cloud above the tops elsewhere. Low cloud down to 600 metres will become more widespread through the evening but ranges across southern Lochaber will remain clear.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph) Wind Direction (blowing from)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	30/37 SE	31/44 SE	31/43 SE	29/38 SE	34/44 SE	45/59 SE	52/68 E
900	25/34 SE	28/40 SE	29/40 SE	27/36 SE	29/41 SE	38/52 SE	41/57 SE
600	28/35 SE	30/42 SE	30/42 SE	25/34 SE	26/37 SE	38/48 SE	47/61 E
300	20/34 E	23/38 SE	23/38 SE	21/35 SE	20/34 E	16/27 E	21/35 E
Glen	10/18 SE	20/37 SE	21/37 SE	16/29 SE	13/23 E	18/31 NE	19/34 NE

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)						
1300	5/-2	5/-1	6/-0	6/1	6/1	8/1	7/-0
900	8/3	9/4	10/5	10/5	10/5	10/5	10/4
600	13/8	13/8	14/9	14/10	15/10	13/7	15/8
300	13/9	14/10	15/11	15/11	14/11	15/12	14/11
Glen	15/13	16/12	18/13	18/14	17/15	17/14	17/13
Freezing Level*	2400m	2400m	2500m	3100m	3400m	3500m	3400m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
Strong summit winds will make for slow progress, and notable wind chill under cloud cover, summit gales likely later.

Forecast for Saturday 19 Aug 2023
Weather: A spell of rain will extend north across all areas early on Saturday morning, heavy for a time. Drier weather following on behind for a time but some longer spells of rain may return north in the afternoon and evening.

Maximum wind: Southerly 20 mph with gusts to 30 mph but gusts nearer to 45 mph in the early hours.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 20%

Low Cloud and visibility: Poor in widespread cloud down to 600 to 900 metres, any breaks likely to be fleeting and most likely in the northwest at first

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 14 rising to 17 Celsius
At 800m: Plus 13 Celsius
Freezing level: Above the summits

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